# INFLUENCE OF CHRISTIANITY

It Has Been a Potent Factor in Nineteenth Century Progress.

ESSENTIALS OF CHRISTIAN RELIGION

Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis of Plymonth Church, Brooklyn, Delivers Eloquent Sermon in Kountze Memorial Church.

Keeping in mind our former studies, what is it to be a Christian? From the viewpoint of careful definition, the Christian is one who is loyal to Christ. Having read Christ's words the Christian feels that these words command his reason. Looking out upon Christ's career, upon the beauty of His life and the spotlessness of His character, the Christian affirms that that character commands his reverent admiration. Having noted Christ's attitude toward little children, toward the publican and prodigal, he is a Christian who feels that Christ's bearing toward the poor and weak commands his sympathies. Having read His golden rule, His sermen on the mount, His law of love, the Christian bows in loyal acceptance of Christ's ideals of possible excellence, feeling that these ideals at once condemn his past manner of life, reveal present latent powers of character and open up new excellences possible to the future. Just as an artist pupil becomes a disciple when he yields himself fully to the influence of some great master; just as Fennyson became a disciple of Shakespeare when he yielded his imagination fully to the imagination of the great poet, so a man is a Christian when he yields himself to the

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were not faithful to a church, for the church was not yet organized. But they were faithful to Christ as a person. Therefore they were Christians. When lorg time had passed by slowly the men began to state their spiritual experiences in intellectual forms, named creeds and to work out their methods in Christian activity, in custom named the institutions of the church. But these things came afterward and were the result of the fact that menhad been Christians beforehand.

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Fortunately, it is not necessary to know in order to be. Life goes before knowledge. The little babs in the cradie is a person and fulfills all the essential experiences of life. It sees its toys and its mother's face, but it could not give any systematic statement regarding optics. It lives and loves and grows, but it knows nothing whatever about the laws of physiology and the origin of its life. Children enjoy music long before they understand the color, scale and the laws of harmony. Indeed, millions to through life enjoying the beautiful in nature and art without ever knowing anything about the laws by which colors complement each other. Also, millions go through life as Christians without ever stopping to work out philosophically their ideas about the bible, or the church, of the creed. And yet they are Christians, because they are loyal to Christ. History tells of a young paint grieder in the studio of Italy's greatest master, who developed atriking evidences of artistic skill. When an enemy of the great teacher came to the boy and urged him to found a school of his own, saying that wealth and honers and invitations to kings: palaces might be his, the youth answered in effect. "I am not ambitious to found a school or dwell in a palace, but I am ambitious to catch Raphael's spirit and reproduce in myself his ideais." Now that simple thought condenses in a word the essence of the Christian life. It is an ambition to rise to the lovel of Christ's thoughts, to feel His throb of sympathy toward the poor and weak, to abhor evil as He abhorred it, to hunger for righteousness as He hungered for it and to walk with our Father as Christian who is loyal to Christ in thoughts, sympathics, friendships, purposes and ideals.

Jow Men Become Christians.

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"I want to join Plymouth church. I am a Christian. I never have a wrong thought, I never speak a wrong word, I haven't done a mean or wicked thing for ten years," I would vote against the reception of that man. He is not bad enough to get into Plymouth church. The church is a school and Christ is a teacher. And the disciple is a bad man who wants to become better, or the best of men who feels that he wants to be one like Christ. Scientists tell us that, although a star in the sky may be a million dthough a star in the sky may be a millie miles higher in altitude than our earth, still miles higher in altitude than our earth, still that star is, in comparison with the infinite distance to the farthest star, side by side with our earth. And in comparison with the purity of God, from the standard of ideal excellence, there is scarcely a hand's breadth of difference between the lowest sinner and the highest saint. All are pupils in the school of character and human life, where Christ is the one Savior and Lord.

What Conversion Means.

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other institutions recovery was impossible and everything the banker had was swept away. Broken in spirit and weakened in health by long excitement at last the young banker fell on death. Several years later

call or write company's agents, S. E. Cor. remorse brought on sickness that out short the editor's career. One day he sent for a friend and told him that he was responsible

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hopes of his children, who were toiling in offices instead of being in college and also for the sorrow of the broken-hearted wife and shortly afterward he himself went on toward that great day of revelation when every secret deed shall be brought into judgment. What a problem was that that the editor asked, How can a man become reconciled to his record? Plainly, repentance, confession and restitution were impotent to do away with his sins. These acts could not bring the banker back to his desk, could not restore the institution to the injured stockholders, could not put these young daughters back in college, could not heal the widow's broken heart. Oh, what a world of unsuspected meaning there is in the statement, "He bears our sins, He carries our sorrows, He was wounded for our transgressions."

No Disbelievers in Christian Life.

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demon. Infidelity to lovellness becomes unthinkable for the sound intellect.

Men there are, blessed with such genius, that they can cause a lump of mud to stand forth with the lines of a vase, or with a few strokes of the chisel let an angel out of the block of marble. And yet the marvel of time is that sublime, secret stirring of the divine life in the soul and the leading of that new and noble impulse forward until it has cleansed the whole man, harmonized all his faculties, refined, clarified and sweetened the whole body, mind and heart. And nothing short of this is the task that Christ, the schoolmaster, hath set before himself. If scientists could change mud to gold, or pebbles to diamonds, it would be as nothing compared to this transformation of man from the power of sin and satan into the light and beauty of the kingdom of God. And once such a transformation has been wrought the whole earth ought to wake and every string of heaven quiver with the out-blown joy. For there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than ever ninety and nine just persons that weed no reportations. over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons that need no repentance.

Reports Cattle in Fine Shape.

T. J. O'Keefe, editor of the Hemingford Herald, is a visitor in the city. Mr. O'Keefe is one of the Nebraska newspaper men who has been able to branch out into other business and he owns one of the most prosperous cattle ranches in western Nebraska.

"The present winter has been all that could be desired for the cattle interests in the western part of the state." said Mr. O'Keefe. "We have had such fine weather that cattle on the ranges are in splendid condition and are now in shape to stand a pretty severe siege of weather if we should get one. The present outlook warrants the prediction that the spring shipments from Nebraska ranges will be exceptionally large and the grade of cattle particularly high."

Mr. O'Keefe contemplates an early tour of California and expects to spend the greater portion of January on the coast. Reports Cattle in Fine Shape.

Midnight Mass at Sacred Heart. Midnight Mass at Sacred Heart.
At the Church of the Sacred Heart the
new century will be ushered in tonight with
solemn high mass, the services beginning
promptly at midnight. The services will
be conducted by the pastor, Rev. P. J.
Judge, assisted by Rev. Joseph A. Casey,
deacon, and Rev. Andrew Judge, subdeacon,
A special program of music has been prepared, which will be rendered by the full
choir under the direction of the organist,
Miss Cannon.

Elks Celebrate Century's Close. Omaha Elks will celebrate the close of the century with a stag social at their rooms tonight. The entertainment will be furnished by members of the various the by home talent. Judge Estelle will preside

Late Cars Tonight. On New Year's eve cars on all lines run-ning through the center of the city will run-two hours later than usual. Last north and southbound cars leave Farnam street at 2

east and westbound cars leave Six

teenth street at 2 a. m. How to Cure Croup. Mr. R. Gray, who lives near Amenia. Duchess county, N. Y., says: "Chamberlain's Cough remedy is the best medicine I have ever used. It is a fine children's remedy for croup and-never falls to cure." When given as soon as the child becomes hearse, or even after the croupy cough has developed, it will prevent the attack This should be borne in mind and a bottle

Winona Quarautine Declared Off. ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 30 .- Dr. Justus O'Hage, health commissioner of St. Paul, having been satisfied that the new health board formed at Winona has taken proper

measures to guard against the spread of

smallpox, which is said to exist there, has

raised the quarantine between the two

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HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSIONS. Via Missouri Pacific Railway. Round trip tickets will be sold at very low rates to points in Kansas, Arkansas, southwest Missouri, Oklahoma and Indian Territories, Texas, etc.; also to certain points in the south and southeast. Dates of sale first and third Tuesdays in the months of January, February, March and April. For information, pamphlets, etc.

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## PAST CENTURY IS REVIEWED

Great Progress in All Lines of Human Endeavor is Characteristic.

RELIGION HAS KEPT PACE WITH REST

Many Problems Affecting the Welfare of the Human Race Still Remain Unsolved.

Rev. Hubert C. Herring's Sunday morning sermon at the First Congregational church was apropos to the closing of the nineteenth century. His theme had particular reference to the achievements of Christianity during this period. "The sun of the century is setting," he said. "Only a day or two more and it will have passed into history. You and I will never be as much in the new century as we have been in the old. Our youth cannot be transplanted and it remains for us, by the grace of God, to make that part of the new century which we shall share the richest and most fruitful of our

"The century just closing has been a cen tury of conventions, a century of science laborious, painstaking and brilliant; a century of communication, the world drawn closer together by the power of the press and through the agency of steam and electricity; a century of the Anglo-Saxon, the race having swept forward with a commanding step to a place of leadership.

"It has been a century of specialism, more and more each man doing one thing; a century of self-consciousness, for in it our world has been coming to a realization of what importance it is. It has been a century of democracy. All of these things

the assertions. Religion the Underlying Cause.

"Can it be said to have been a century narked by the growth of the kingdom of God? Has this kingdom moved forward at sume an affirmation and venture the assertion that such movement has had as its underlying cause the religion of Jesus Christ. My text is self-explanatory, 'The kingdom of God cometh not with outward show," and in accord with it the most conspicuous tangible evidence of the growth of God's kingdom during the century just drawing to protection for illness and prostration? a close is proven by the extraordinary growth of brotherhood.

"Whatever may be the essential element of God's kingdom the one conspicuous outcome of it had to be the growth of brotherhood. This brotherhood which, as I assume, has been a mark of our century, can be distinguished as divided into three aspects of brotherly effort. The first has been the growth of political brotherhood, an advance toward that ideal where all stand equal before the law, equal in society and equal in the sharing of burdens. It has been a century of emancipation, which has been the fundamental reason for an approach to the ideal of political brotherhood. It has been marked because of the liberation of slaves and the practical abolition of slavery in all its forms the world over. The single exception where slavery now thrives is in countries where the Mohamedan religion flourishes.

Growth of Religious Brotherhood. There has been a growth of religious brotherhood, the getting together of men religiously. Among the movements of the century none have more significance than the religious movement. The Christian instinct of brotherhood has been the impelling thing behind the movement of missions, inaugurated in prayer and welling up out of the sentiment of brotherhood. It has gone forth to alien people and to pagan races to draw them into the communion of religious brotherhood.

"The third has been the growth of the industrial or economic brotherhood, and in this there has been vast improvement. Work is the lot of most of us. With few exceptions everybody has to work, side by side, shoulder to shoulder, toiling either with brain or muscle for our daily bread. If that work be unfraternal, each man striving to hinder each, there could be no greater curse, but if it be fraternal, each man helping each, there could be no greater blessing. In the eighteenth century the industrial lives of men were contradictory to the gospel they professed. It has remained for our century to define the problem and start its solution. There have been wonderful improvements in the relative conditions of capital and labor and yet there is vast room for improvement. This feeling of antagonism existing on the part of labor toward capital must be wiped away and, on the other hand, the great aggregations of capital that are being formed are, to my mind, the one great menace to our future growth and happiness. These issues will enter into political struggles, and we will never be called upon to fight out another presidential battle in which this great issue will not be an important factor until it is settled and settled right

Descendants See Dangers. "So we bid goodby to the nineteenth century. Standing on the threshold of the new one we know that there are more good, true hearts. If, in the new century, political, religious and industrial brothergoods make an advance corresponding to that of the century closing I verily believe that our children's children, standing down there on the farther shore of the intervening flood of years, will grieve over the dangers and difficulties that confronted us and thank God for the era of peace He has brought them, and then they shall give praise to Him who is the only blessed poentate, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, who only doeth wonderful things too much of good in him to be mistreated for the achievements of the century which by God and that God was too good to be

INSURANCE OF ONE'S LIFE A DUTY.

are ours in the second place and His in the

Dean Fair Sets Forth the Benefits Accruing from Protection. In discussing the insurance of man's life and property at Trinity cathedral last night Dean Campbell Fair took for his text St. Timothy ii, 5-8: "If any man provide not for his own, especially for those of his own home, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel." The dean said:

"It may be that before next Sunday som one here tonight, strong, able and robust, may be laid low and feeble upon a bed of dangerous illness. You may lose your health of body and your strength of min4. In a moment an accident can strike you down and in a second you become helpless.

"What then? Expenses continue as before and are added to. The physician's fees, ably earned, must be met and drugs necessary for restoration are to be paid for. But with thousands of our fellow men wages stop when illness begins; from where then can rent and food and clothing and medicine be paid for? We can turn to and get credit, but this means debt; furniture can be pawned or sold, but that is painful loss; you can borrow, but few are willing to lend; you can ask for charity and willingly the church will give it, but an onorable soul shrinks from asking alms: ou may put the children to work, but hildren should be in school, not in stores; the wife and mother may wash and scrub, out her place is with the sick breadwinner, where her heart is. What else can be done We cannot prevent sickness, but we can provide for it! By membership in a raternal and beneficial order, such as the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Red Men and such like societies you can have a conwhen you are well you will be paid \$5 a week when you are sick! About 5 cents a day when we are working secures us atmay be said and there be none to dispute most \$12 a week when we are ill! This is business contract, not charity! Seven cents daily when I am well secures me nearly \$3 a day when I am prostrated! What right have any of us breadwinnersproviders for households-to omit such a corresponding pace? I am going to as- provision for the sick bed, when by economy, self-denials and a little privation we can have as secure a fund for our maintenance as wages are when we are well, strong and working and earning? Has any one a right to throw himself upon charity when by a business arrangement of a few cents daily he can make ample

"But, my fellow man, something else is to happen! That illness may end in death and what then? What and who are o support the helpless widow and more helpless orphans. Here comes in the magnificent system of finance we call insurance the greatest of our many 'godsends,' to prevent pauperism and preserve the home bow in reverence before an insurance agent. I honor with unfeigned reverence the old line insurance companies and fraternal and beneficial organizations of America. They have saved the homes of our country and fed and clothed the widows and orphans of America when nothing else but begging and borrowing and an almshouse could have fed the hungry when death took the husband and father to the grave. Consult a representative of these great companies and excellent orders and at once while you are in health and strength pass the medical examination, secure your policy and never cease its payments-from \$6 to \$20, saving your family \$1,000 or \$2,000 when you are gone-so that you may be a

free and honest man. What shall such a course as this prevent? It will prevent an aching heart upon the bed of death as you think over from where can bread come to feed my loved ones. It will prevent shame upon your brow and poverty in your home. It will prevent the relieving officer coming to your widow and children to take them in the paupers' wagon to the Douglas county almshouse. It will prevent a thousand and one ills and make you feel that you can look with confidence into the face of loved wife and children, of mother and sisters, and know in your heart that because you loved them you saved them the awful condition of being a 'destitute family.'

"Some men tell us they don't believe it insurance and that the world owes them and their families a living. I never argue with such men because I feel the world owes them a kicking and I wish someone would do it right off!"

GREAT, BUT NOT FAULTLESS

Newton Mann so Characterizes Men of Nineteenth Century. "The men and achievements of the nine teenth century deserve to bear the epithet 'Great, but Not Faultless.' " said Rev Newton Mann yesterday morning at Unity thurch. "The century has made a record which is unparalleled. The advancement 1 science, art and letters has been phenomenal, but the character of man has not changed materially. There is every reason to believe that the world is better than it spiritual condition of mankind has not been as prenounced as the achievements of men in the realms of science.

"One hundred years have brought about a complete revision of religious beliefs. The God of last century was a terrible being, stern and cruel. He was supposed to be like man, only very much larger and more powerful. He was a God of wrath and vergeance and was supposed to punish all men because of the sins of Adam. The religion of the eighteenth century was so harsh that fathers thought they must treat their children badly to carry out the teachings of their religious leaders.

"But this sort of teaching could not endure. Channing and Parker and other advanced thinkers began to teach man had

cruel to His children. The leaven added to the loaf of religious belief by these men has permeated the whole loaf. Congregation by the permeated the whole loaf. Congregation of the loaf of religious belief by these men has permeated the whole loaf. Congregation of the loaf of religious belief by these men has permeated the whole loaf. Congregation of the loaf of religious belief by these men has permeated the whole loaf. Congregation of the loaf of religious belief by these men has permeated the whole loaf. Congregation of the loaf of religious belief by these men has permeated the whole loaf. Congregation of the loaf of religious belief by these men has permeated the whole loaf. Congregation of the loaf of religious belief by these men has permeated the whole loaf. Congregation of the loaf of religious belief by these men has permeated the whole loaf. Congregation of the loaf of religious belief by these men has permeated the whole loaf. Congregation of the loaf of religious belief by these men has permeated the whole loaf. Congregation of the loaf of the l

to the loaf of religious belief by these men has permeated the whole loaf. Congregationalists are preaching what Parker taught. Presbyterians have voted for a revision of their creed. Baptist theologians are among the most advanced thinkers of the day. Reason has been applied to religion and man is following the dictates of his own soul."

Rev. Mann reviewed the great progress which steam has made possible during the century. Within sixty-eight years steam has been applied to travel on land and sea and distance is no longer a barrier to all vancement. Telegraphs, cables and excellent mail facilities have developed remote parts of the United States and made possible a republic which began the century with little more than 5,000,000 people. Whitney's cotton gin, Howe's sewing machine and a thousand other inventions of less importance have reduced the demands upon labor and made possible great wealth which could not have been acquired with the beginning of the century. Electric lights, improved methods of heating and ventilating houses, telephones and other conveniences make the home of today a place that ing houses, telephones and other conveniences make the home of today a place that the man of the eighteenth century would

not have dreamed of. In medicine and surgery the advancement has been more pronounced than in any other field of science. Especial progress has been made in the prevention of disease. Pasteur has relieved rabies of its terrors. Smallpox is no longer dreaded because of immunity afforded by vaccination. Surgical operations which formerly involved great pain are now performed with out the knowledge of the patient by the use of anaesthetics. The terrors which lurked in the physician's knife and in the tract that by paying about 2 cents a day germ-laden air have been banished by

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OBJECTED TO RED HAIR. Amateur Actors Found Fault with

Leading Man's Locks.

An important precedent has been estabshed at Chicago's famous Northwestern

An important precedent has been established at Chicago's famous Northwestern university.

The real issue is whether a red-headed student shall be permitted to enact the hero of the junior play. Young Mr. Smith was cast for the part. Vital statistics show that \$71-3 per cent of all the Smiths in the civilized world are red-headed. This particular Smith was no exception, and he was not ashamed of it.

As the rehearsals progressed one after another of the proud lady pupils cast for the heroine laid her part on the prompt table and walked out. First it was Miss White, next Miss Wasson and them Miss Adams. Each in turn declined to be wooed and won, even in mimic portrayal, by a red-headed hero.

Finally a brave, resolute girl from South Dakota consented to stand for Smith, but in the meantime the "co-eds" had exerted their pull with the faculty and the red-headed aspirant for histrionic fame was relegated to the small part of a broker, which required him to wear a black wig with powdered temples expressive of villainy and rapid living.

Smith was very nice about it and said he was in the cast for the good of his class and would play any old thing or even work props, but his self-abnegation does not cloud the vital issue. It is quite as important as whether hazing shall be tolerated at West Point or foot ball permitted at Oberlin.

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A college education is supposed to develop liberality of thought and noblity of character. In a religious institution like the Northwestern it may also be reasonably supposed to inculcate the Christian virtues. To a rank outsider of nonorthodox tendencies it therefore seems oppres-

### FIRE RECORD.

Damages a Lumber Yard. LEAD. S. D., Dec. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire this morning destroyed a portion of the Price & Baker Co.'s lumber yard and office in this city. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

Loss at West Lorne, Ont. WEST LORNE, Ont., Dec. 30 .- A disastrous fire visited this village tonight, wipout one of the principal business blocks of the village. The loss will reach \$25,000.

For Pneumonia.

Dr. C. J. Bishop, Agnew, Mich., says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia with good Benj. Ingerson of Hutton, Ind., says he results in every case." There is nothing so had not spoken a word above a whisper for good. Dillon's drug store, South Omaha; Myers-Dillon Drug Co., Omaha



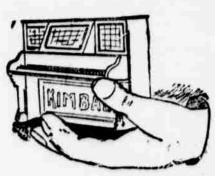
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